

**South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Regular Meeting
September 9, 2024**

The South-Western City School District Board of Education met in regular session on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the South-Western Career Academy (4750 Big Run South Rd. Grove City, OH 43123) with the following members present:

Denise D'Angelo Steele
Julie Liskany
Kelli Martindale
Camille Peterson
Chris Boso

24-135 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the September 9, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

24-136 **Mr. Boso moved** that the Board of Education amend the agenda for the September 9, 2024 regular meeting under Item O; that the Board amend the reason for executive session section to now read: consideration of the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and discussion with the Board's legal counsel, of disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;	Ms. Liskany, Aye;	Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

24-137 **Mrs. D'Angelo Steele moved** that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the September 9, 2024 regular meeting as amended.

Mrs. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;	Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

24-138 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for the August 26, 2024 meeting as attached.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Ms. Liskany, Aye;	Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

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BOARD REPORTS

There were no Board Reports

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ms. Kyra Paul

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- a. Ms. Paul stated her thanks to President Boso for meeting with her to visit the new Stiles Family Resource Center.
- b. Ms. Paul stated that the new facility does not have enough restrooms.
- c. Ms. Paul stated there is also not enough parking or play area space.
- d. Ms. Paul stated there should have been more feedback from the staff during building planning.
- e. Ms. Paul stated that the building is not functional.
- f. Ms. Paul cited examples of facilities work that she feels those funds could have been better spent elsewhere.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON REPORT

SWCSD Student Achievements

Over the summer, nine South-Western City School District high school students participated in Buckeye Boys and Buckeye Girls State - an eight-day hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic form of government.

Congratulations to these Franklin Heights and Westland High School students who were accepted to this year's program!

Franklin Heights High School senior Kenny Huynh has been named to The Ohio State University James Comprehensive Cancer Center's CREATES program for high school students! He is one of only 10 students to be named to the program that featured over 100 applicants across the state. CREATES-HS is a paid, summer research opportunity at The James and last week, Kenny, presented his research project, "ELISA-based detection of SARS-CoV-2 spike antibodies with a peptide library" to Franklin Heights High School administration at the conclusion of the program!

Congratulations to Westland High School junior Mia Antonyuk, who was selected for the 2025 Ohio All-State Choir! She will be one of 120 students from around the state of Ohio who will perform at the OMEA Professional Development Conference in February in Cleveland. This will be her second year in this prestigious ensemble.

Congratulations to all of our students who graduated last month during our summer commencement!

SWCSD Staff Achievements

Congratulations to Grove City High School math teacher Joshua Blankenship who was recently recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the 2024 Yale Educator Award. Students entering the Yale Class of 2028 were asked to nominate outstanding educators who have deeply impacted their lives. Mr. Blankenship was nominated for the award by GCHS class of 2024 graduate and current Yale freshman Rohit Basu. The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who support and inspire their students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence. Of this year's 320 nominees, who represent 39 states and 24 countries, 75 teachers and 20 counselors were selected to receive the award. Matriculating students are invited to nominate high school educators, and a committee of Yale admissions officers reviews each nomination individually and designates recipients.

And finally, thank you to all of our staff members who worked tirelessly together to make the start of the 2024-2025 school year a success!

24-139 **Ms. Liskany moved** that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal & Operational Management items as presented.

1. Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the permanent appropriations for August 2024. (See X-1)

X-1.pdf (190 KB)

2. Investments & Financial Statements for August 2024

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It is recommended that the Board of Education in accordance with Section 135.14 of the Ohio Revised Code approve August investments (See X-2) and Cash Position Report (See X-3).

[X-2.pdf \(289 KB\)](#)

[X-3.pdf \(38 KB\)](#)

3. Payment of Bills

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve payment of bills according to the list of checks for the month of August 2024. (See X-4)

[X-4.pdf \(85 KB\)](#)

4. Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the donations of \$124,954.00 as detailed in X-5 and authorize letters of appreciation be sent to the donors.

[X-5.pdf \(248 KB\)](#)

5. Authorization to Pay Bills in Accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to pay bills for August which were not processed in accordance with Section 5705.41 Ohio Revised Code. (See X-6)

[X-6.pdf \(386 KB\)](#)

6. Service Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Service Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding between the South-Western City School District Board of Education and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for services for Franklin Heights High School and Westland High School for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. (See X-7)

[X-7.pdf \(440 KB\)](#)

7. Resolution to Participate in the META Solutions Cooperative Bus Purchasing Program

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN META SOLUTIONS BIDS FOR BUSES

WHEREAS, the South-Western City School District Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of school bus(es),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the South-Western City School District Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of bus(es).

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye;	Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

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24-140 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education approve the Students/School/Community item as presented.

1. Norton Middle School 8th Grade Students to Travel to Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, Norton Middle School 8th grade students have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for October 23-25, 2024 and students will miss three days of school; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 students will be accompanied by adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via charter bus and accommodations made at the Hampton Inn - Gainesville, VA; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by students and parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes Norton Middle School students to travel to Washington, D.C.

2. Central Crossing High School Wrestling Team to Travel to Alliance, Ohio

WHEREAS, the Central Crossing Wrestling Team wishes to compete in a wrestling tournament, which will be held at Alliance High School in Alliance, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the tournament is scheduled for January 17-18, 2025 and students will miss one day of classes; and

WHEREAS, 14 students will be accompanied by four adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via private automobiles and accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Express, 2341 W State St. Alliance, OH 44601; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by the boosters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes the Central Crossing High School Wrestling Team to travel to Alliance, Ohio.

3. Grove City High School NJROTC to Travel to Honolulu, Hawaii

WHEREAS, the Grove City High School NJROTC has been invited to be a part of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II parade on December 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the trip is planned for December 4-9, 2025 and students will miss four days of classes; and

WHEREAS, 20 students will be accompanied by 5 adult chaperones; and

WHEREAS, transportation will be via airplane and charter bus and accommodations will be at a hotel in Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, trip expenses will be paid by students/parents, Navy funds and fundraising;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South-Western City School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes the Grove City High School NJROTC to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

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Ms. Martindale, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-141 Mrs. Peterson moved that the Board of Education approve the Personnel items as presented.

Mrs. Peterson stated her enthusiasm for recruitment efforts in the district and stated we are in a good position, but would like to be in an even better one. Mrs. Peterson said the most urgent need is for full-time and substitutes educational aides. Mrs. Peterson mentioned a bonus incentive for substitutes happening this year.

CERTIFICATED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Georgakas, Jennifer N.	NMS/Intervention Spec	8/27/24

2. Resignations - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Colon, Albert	FHHS/Art	11/23/24

3. Resignations - Supplemental

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Finland Middle School</u> Student Council Advisor	Miller, Jessica K.	8/22/24

CERTIFICATED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Jury Duty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date Jury Duty Commences</u>
Thompson, Mindy E.	MES/2nd Grade	9/9/24

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty

The following teachers have been nominated for supplemental contract assignments for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year. In accordance with Section 3319.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that the Board formally employ and grant supplemental contracts to these persons, to be paid in accordance with the current adopted salary schedule for supplemental duties. The Board of Education's obligation for these supplemental (Extra Duty) contracts is contingent upon the employee fulfilling the required certifications in the Board policy and State Board of Education Rules 3301-27-01 and 3301-27-02 and maintaining current certification in those areas.

Extracurricular Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty 9.9.24.pdf (93 KB)

2. Volunteer Coaches

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It is recommended that the following volunteer coaches be approved as indicated in accordance with the Board's volunteer policy for the 2024-2025 school year.

Pleasant View Middle School

Johnson, Kenyatta A. - Girls' Basketball

Westland High School

Williams, Stefani N. - Cross Country

3. Substitute Teachers and Administrators

In accordance with provisions of Section 3319.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following persons are nominated for positions as substitute teachers and administrators for the 2024-2025 school year, in accordance with the salary schedule for substitutes adopted by the South-Western City Schools Board of Education. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provision of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). *Denotes SWCS retiree

Substitute Teachers:

Abt, Madison E.	Isse, Ali G.	Reynolds, Twila G. *
Cash, Skylar J.	MacKeverican, Erin C.	Santarelli, Debra A.
Cook, Kayla R.	Matlock, Cynthia L.	Sutherland, Kerry J.
Delozier, Deborah K. *	Mooney, Austin C.	Thomas, Courtney L.
Edwards, Kiya M.	Moore, Michael A.	Travis, Kimberly C. *
Evans, Zachary T.	Nolan, Makayla S.	Williams, Elsie A.
Fleischer, Madeline B.	Palsgrove, Nancy L. *	
Hardy, Audriauna F.	Patterson, Emma A.	

Substitute Administrators:

Bland, Duane R.
Bates, Thomas W.

4. Substitute Pool

The following persons are nominated for the substitute pool at a rate of \$145 per day effective as indicated. This employment is contingent upon receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39 (B)(3).

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Barkes, Natalie E.	8/21/24
Bias, Kaleb A.	8/19/24
Boyd, Kenta A.	8/19/24
Curry, Donnell L.	8/21/24
Edmisten, Gianna E.	8/19/24
Eiben, Alexandria D.	8/21/24
Flory, Lisa N.	8/19/24
Harrison, MacKenzie N.	8/22/24
Kunkel, Donna M.	8/21/24
McDonald, Shaniece L.	8/22/24
Meade III, John F.	8/19/24
Myers-Kerr, Connie S.	8/27/24
Shade, Victoriah R.	8/27/24
Simono-Almonte, Pedro J.	8/21/24

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Speakman Jr., Troy A.	8/27/24
Thevenin, Naomi P.	8/19/24
Tobin, Tyler N.	8/19/24
Vincent, Jonathan D.	8/21/24
Ward, Macey R.	8/19/24

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Clifton, Jennifer L.	CCHS/Cook	9/6/24
McCullough, Lisa F.	PVMS/Secy II	9/5/24
Russell, Rebecca B.	HCIS/Cook	9/4/24
Smith II, Darryl R.	FHHS/ Sp Ed Aide	8/20/24
Turner, Kerry K.	TRANS/Bus Driver	8/23/24

2. Resignations - Supplementals

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Pleasant View Middle School</u>		
Asst. Football Coach	Wilson, Michael S.	8/20/24

CLASSIFIED CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

1. Change of Assignment/Hours/Days

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Old Assignment/ Hours/Days/Location</u>	<u>New Assignment Hours/Days/Location</u>
Carson, Holly M.	8/28/24	Cook/4.0/HCIS	Cook/6.0/HCIS
Ogden, Britanee J.	8/21/24	Cook/4.0/GCHS	Cook/6.0/GCHS

2. Request for Reinstatement from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Date of Reinstatement</u>
Davis, Kimberly L.	PNES/Cook	8/19/24
Howell, Brenda I.	PLES/Cook	8/19/24
Rowe, Michael	WHS/ED Aide	8/19/24
Walls, Angel L.	DES/Asmt Aide	8/19/24

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Personnel Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Per Hour/ Hours</u>	<u>Effective Date Term of Employment</u>	<u>Location</u>
Alkire, Amy E.	Cook	\$18.11/4.0	8/19/24 through 6/4/25	WHS
Cornelious, Julie M.	Med Monitor	\$16.72/7.0	8/19/24 through 6/3/25	HCIS
Ellis, Terry Lynn	Med Monitor	\$16.72/7.0	9/9/24 through 8/26/24	BPMS

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Hall, Sarah G.	Sp Ed Aide	\$19.49/6.5	8/19/24 through 6/3/25	JCSSES
Marshall, Cortez L.	Sp Ed Aide	\$19.49/7.0	8/21/24 through 6/3/25	FWIS
McKeever, Alissa K.	Custodian	\$20.58/8.0	8/26/24 for 12 months	FMS
Morrow, Parker E.	Sp Ed Aide	\$19.49/7.0	8/19/24 through 6/3/25	BPMS
Pella, Louise C.	Med Monitor	\$16.72/7.0	8/21/24 through 6/3/25	PVMS
Sharfenaker, Sarah A.	Secy II	\$21.45/8.0	8/21/24 through 6/3/25	FHHS
Vance, Sharon L.	Cook	\$18.11/3.0	8/19/24 through 6/4/25	HCIS
Williams, Laura A.	Bus Aide	\$19.49/7.5	8/21/24 through 6/3/25	TRANS
Young, Tiffany R.	ISR Aide	\$19.49/7.0	8/19/24 through 6/3/25	BPMS

2. Classified Substitutes

It is recommended that the following persons be approved for "on call" work on an hourly basis in the positions indicated, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. They will be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCI, which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). It is understood that all requirements for operation of a school bus in the State of Ohio must be met before substitute bus drivers can be called to work.

Substitute Bus Driver - \$19.32 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$24.18 per hour)

Hossfeld, Gerald R.

Substitute Cooks - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.11 per hour)

Compton, Deena R.*

Substitute Custodian - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$20.58 per hour)

Spada, Genesis

Walters, Gregory D.

Wiggins, Justin T.

Substitute Clerical - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$20.16 per hour)

Mansperger, Wendy J.

Taylor, Sue A.

Substitute SED, DH, Bus Aide - \$15.84 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.49 per hour)

Hossfeld, Gerald R.

Mansperger, Wendy J.

Substitute Aide - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.49 per hour)

Mansperger, Wendy J.

Substitute CR, LR, Hall Monitors - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$15.57 per hour)

Briggeman, Viola M.

Substitute Med Monitors - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$16.72 per hour)

Briggeman, Viola M.

3. Permanent Appointment Recommendations

The following employees have successfully completed their probationary period and are recommended for permanent employment on the effective date shown:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Arnold, Tina L.	Bus Driver	9/30/24	TRANS
Wiseman, Alexis W.	Classrm Asst	9/26/24	SFRC

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;

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Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.
Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mrs. Lucia Thayer – Transportation
 - a. Ms. Thayer stated the bus driver shortage is affecting Catholic school transportation.
 - b. Ms. Thayer stated Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic school students as specifically affected.
 - c. Ms. Thayer stated that many children have to walk in the dark and in the cold.
 - d. Ms. Thayer stated that OLPH students should not have to switch buses.
 - e. Ms. Thayer stated that a third grader has been left behind at a high school twice.
 - f. Ms. Thayer stated she is worried about the upcoming time change making the problem worse.
 - g. Ms. Thayer stated she appreciated the Board offering pay incentives last year for increased staffing and supports doing so again to add more bus drivers and routes to correct the problem.
 - h. Ms. Thayer expressed her appreciation for bus drivers.
2. Mr. Chris Orban – Candidate for State Board of Education to represent our district.
 - a. Mr. Orban stated that he is a math and science professor at The Ohio State University.
 - b. Mr. Orban stated he supports additional funding for education.
 - c. Mr. Orban stated that he is an educator and a parent running for the State Board of Education for District 6.
 - d. Mr. Orban stated this is a non-partisan position and a non-partisan race.
 - e. Mr. Orban stated the current system is dysfunctional and his goal is to improve that.
 - f. Mr. Orban stated educators should be involved in policy-making.
 - g. Mr. Orban cited examples of policy decisions he has helped with.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Board Items
 - a. Ms. Peterson stated the Grove City HS at Westland HS football game was a great community event. She stated that the players and fans treated each other with respect.

24-142 Ms. Liskany moved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session according to Policy 0166 to discuss the consideration of the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and discussion with the Board's legal counsel, of disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

The Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.; they reconvened the meeting at 9:18 p.m. with all attending members present.

24-143 Mr. Boso moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye, Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Chris Boso
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer